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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: DCI Discussion with Mr. James M. Barker

1. On 16 February 1957 the DCI gave a talk at an M.I.T. alumni dinner in Chicago arranged by Mr James M. Barker. During the course of their conversation Mr. Barker expressed several views of interest to the DCI.

2. Mr. Barker pointed out that in many countries there are no word symbols for a lot of our ordinary concepts. For example, in Turkey the word for "education" is the same as that for "drill" and there is no word for "maintenance". He believes we should analyze the language formation before starting any aid or propaganda effort. Why delude ourselves that we can convey ideas if there is no symbol for those ideas in the minds of the people. (He recommends "The Dawn of Conscience" by Breasted.)

3. In learning languages Mr. Barker apparently puts great faith in the Carl Seashore test developed by a Professor at the University of Iowa and used by the Juilliard School of Music to test the intrinsic ability of an individual to understand tone. He points out that some individuals learn with the mind and some learn with the ear, and strongly recommends screening out by tests those who have aptitude and those who have genius.

Mr. Barker is also interested in instruction in how to read.

4. The DCI asked Mr. Barker to come to Washington to see the Agency, learn about some of the things we are doing in the language development field, and in research, and let us have the benefit of his views.

S/
Lyman B. Kirkpatrick
Inspector General

Attachments: Mr. Barker's Schedule
Mr. Barker's Biography

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BRIEFING OF MR. JAMES M. BARKER

WEDNESDAY, 6 MARCH 1957

0900	General Organization of the Agency	Mr. Kirkpatrick
0930	Language Development Program	Mr. Baird
1030	Scientific Intelligence	Dr. Scoville
1100	Economic Research	Dr. Cuthe
1200	National Estimates	Dr. Kent
1300	Luncheon - Director's Dining Room	
1400	Central Reference System	Dr. Andrews
1530	Mr. Dulles	

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LUNCHEON FOR MR. JAMES M. BARKER

1:00 -- Large Dining Room

General Cabell

Mr Barker

Mr Kirkpatrick

Mr Carey

Dr Guthe

Dr Kent

Dr Andrews

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Mr Ashcraft

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